

EARLY MORNING BLAZE AT HOTEL WARWICK

Smoke-filled Building Emptied of
Guests in Very Short
Order.

PROBABLY WORK OF INCENDIARY

Fire Started in Cellar Below Offices
of the Old Dominion Land Company
and Had Burned for Some Time Be-
fore Being Discovered—Damage
Amounts to \$10,000.

Hotel Warwick was damaged to the extent of about \$10,000 and the guests were given a great scare by a fire which started in the basement below the offices of the Old Dominion Land Company, at the north end of the West avenue wing of the hotel, about 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

There seems to be no doubt about the fact that the blaze was of incendiary origin, although no trace of the incendiary has been discovered. Everyone in the hotel was awakened within a few minutes after the fire was discovered, and the building was emptied of guests in short order. There were two very remarkable features of the affair—the enormous amount of smoke sent through the building by the comparatively small fire, and the fact that no one was killed or seriously injured. When the guests were awakened and left their rooms, the halls were filled with black, suffocating smoke, and many found it impossible to force their way to the stairs. Probably half of the people in the hotel left by way of the fire escapes, thinking that the entire building beneath them was burning. Considering the fact that many of the guests were women, and that all were half asleep, excited and scantily dressed, it is little short of miraculous that there were no serious accidents.

Confined to Offices.
The Central fire engine company responded to an alarm and had several streams of water in play before the flames could spread to the upper part of the building. The fire was confined to the Land Company's offices and the cellar beneath, and practically no damage was done elsewhere except by water. Several of the rooms and a part of the hall on the second floor of the West avenue wing suffered from water, and some of the wall-papering was burned.

Records Not Damaged.
The Land Company's offices were gutted, practically everything being destroyed, except the records and other valuable papers, which were in a vault and safe. Superintendent L. B. Manville of the Old Dominion Land Company, states that the loss will be not less than \$10,000 and that it is covered by insurance. The company, established temporary quarters yesterday morning in the sample rooms of the hotel, which adjoin the office rooms.

The fire originated beneath a stairway leading from the cellar to the Land Company's offices, and probably had been burning for some time before it was discovered. There were no electric light wires near the stairway and it is hardly possible that the blaze could have been started by accident.

Mrs. Powell Smelled Smoke.
Mrs. A. L. Powell, whose rooms are on the third floor of the hotel, seems to have been the first to detect the odor of smoke. She awakened her husband, who hurried down to the lobby to give the alarm. About this time Mr. Smith, the clerk on

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duty, noticed the smoke and went up to awaken Manager A. T. Moore. Mr. Powell made an effort to turn in an alarm by telephone, but could not get "central," then he turned his attention to the awakening of fellow guests.

In the meantime Manager Moore had reached the scene and, using his fist upon the glass door of the fire alarm box, he sent in the call for the department. Later Mr. Moore discovered that in breaking the glass he had cut his hand rather painfully.

All Guests Aroused.
After the alarm was in, Mr. Moore, Clerk Bricker, Mr. Powell and others aroused all guests who were not already out or on their way out of the building. The dense smoke in the halls made this task a difficult one and everyone who ventured up the stairways was almost suffocated. Manager Moore was on the verge of being overcome several times, and a trip inside, would have fallen on a trip inside, would have fallen on the sidewalk had not Police Officer Griffin carried him bodily out into the cold night air.

Entire Building Seemed Afire.
Even after it was known that everyone was safely out of the hotel it looked as though the building with its contents would be destroyed. The extent of the fire was not known, and the volume of smoke made it appear that the entire building was about to be enveloped in flames.

Finally, when it became apparent that Fire Chief Stow and his men had the situation well in hand, the serious side of the affair seemed to be lost in the merriment occasioned by various incidents which a few minutes before had seemed anything but humorous.

The ladies, most of whom had taken refuge in neighboring residences, reappeared on the scene and gayly twitted each other upon the question of which appeared to be the best advantage under the circumstances.

Commander Mallison's Adventure.
Commander George Mallison, U. S. N., and his friends laughed mightily over an experience which, though it was made the subject of jest, might have cost the popular officer his life. The commander occupied a room on the third floor, directly over the fire. When he found that he could not leave his room on account of the smoke, he remembered a rope which he had bought for the purpose only a week or so ago. Fastening one end of the rope securely to his window, the commander, clad in pajamas, launched forth into the night and lowered himself three stories only to find that he was suspended directly over a deep arway, from which steam and smoke were arising. The officer's position was a precarious one, and he was saved from injury only by the timely appearance of Mr. M. W. Dalby, who, called to the scene by the alarm of fire, had seen the white figure leave the window. Mr. Dalby climbed the high fence in the rear of the hotel and managed to reach the rope by which the commander was suspended.

Although many of the guests were badly frightened, and all were naturally excited, there was none of the fighting and scrambling for safety of ten incidents to such occasions. Manager Moore commented upon this with evident gratification.

Manager Moore Talks.
When asked for a statement in reference to the fire, Mr. Moore gave the following to a Daily Press reporter: "The fire was just one of those things which are liable to happen at any time, any where. While regretting extremely the inconvenience, annoyance and disquietude entailed upon the guests, I hope and believe that those concerned are satisfied that everything possible under the circumstances was done for their comfort and protection. All of our guests were aroused as promptly as possible after the fire was discovered, and it was a source of gratification to me that where so many minor accidents might have occurred, not a single personal injury resulted. The calm and orderly demeanor of our guests under somewhat trying circumstances contributed very largely

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BOND ISSUE OPPOSED

Attitude of Councilmen Likely to
Cause Unfavorable Report.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS NEEDED

City Has Outgrown the Present Accommodations and Everyone Recognizes That More Room is Needed and Must Be Provided.

Several of the city councilmen have expressed themselves as being opposed to the proposition of the board of school trustees to have an issue of school bonds for the purpose of erecting a new high school and an addition to East End school No. 4, and the present indications are that the plan will fall through.

Following a suggestion from Hon. W. E. Barrett, the school trustees last night appointed a committee of three to look into the advisability of asking the city council to request permission from the next general assembly to issue school bonds to the amount to be decided upon later. Since the appointment of that committee several of the school trustees have approached most of the councilmen on the subject and have found that a majority of them do not favor more bond issues. For this reason it is believed that the special committee will make an unfavorable report to the board at the December meeting.

This city is rapidly outgrowing its present school facilities. All of the regular school buildings are crowded this session and the board has been forced to rent two extra rooms to take care of the overflow from the regular schools. The school trustees and school officials declare that the time is fast approaching when additional buildings must be erected.

A new high school building, to be devoted exclusively to the high school work, and an addition to the East End school No. 4, would give accommodations in the city schools for more than 3,000 pupils and would take care of the increase of the number of pupils for the next eight or ten years.

NEGRO WITH VARIOUS ALIASES IS JAILED

Robert Brown, Alias Jones, Alias Mingo, Etc., Charged With Assault, Larceny and Disorderly.

Robert Brown, alias Robert Jones, alias Robert Mingo, etc., a notorious negro, was arrested at Virginia avenue and Thirty-seventh street about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Patrolman Adams on charges of felonious assault, larceny and disorderly conduct. The prisoner was locked up at the station house to await a hearing before Justice Brown in the police court this morning.

It is alleged that Brown struck W. T. Jones, also colored, in the head with a brick in Rocketts Saturday night. Jones was seriously, but not dangerously wounded. It is also alleged that he stole \$11 from another negro in Rocketts last week.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS TO BE ENTERTAINED

"Rooters' Club" Plans Enjoyable Reception in Honor of the Gridiron Warriors.

A reception will be tendered the football team of the local high school in the school assembly hall at 8 o'clock Friday night by the "Rooters' Club," which has been recently organized and which has been attending all of the games played by the team this season. A very interesting musical and literary program has been arranged for the occasion. Refreshments will be served by a committee composed of two members of each class of the school.

This will be the first time in the history of this school that the football team has been entertained by the student body and it is proposed to make the event one of the best social functions yet attempted by the school. Invitations have been issued to the friends of the pupils and admission will be by card only.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OPPOSED

Some of Trustees Think Money Can Be Spent to Better Advantage.

According to reliable reports several of the members of the board of school trustees will make an effort next year to abolish the department of domestic science which was recently installed in the local high school. These trustees are opposed to the department on the grounds that it can accomplish but little good and that the money necessary for its maintenance could be more profitably invested in other departments of the school.

Many of the young lady pupils of the high school are opposed to the study of domestic science for the reason that they frequently have to remain after school hours to wash the dishes used in the study of the science and to clean up the "kitchen."

The department cannot be abolished this session because the teacher has signed a contract for the term. The matter of abolishment probably will be taken up at the June meeting of the board.

NEWPORT NEWS VERSUS HAMPTON AGAIN TODAY

Rival High School Football Eleven to Meet on Casino and Battle for Honors.

The football eleven of the local high school will again battle for honors on the Casino grill at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. These teams played a scoreless game here about three weeks ago and local enthusiasts are looking forward to a fast and stubbornly fought contest today.

The "Rooters' Club" of the local high school, numbering about a hundred members, most of whom are young lady pupils, will attend the game and will enliven the contest with school songs and cheers. All of the "rooters" will carry the school pennants and colors. A number of the young lady pupils of the Hampton High school will also be on hand.

Death of Mrs. Rowland.

Mrs. Elta R. Rowland, wife of Mr. George J. Rowland, died at her home, 314 Forty-fifth street at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning after a lingering illness. She was 39 years old and is survived by her husband and three children. The funeral will take place from the late residence at 8:30 o'clock this morning, the services being conducted by Rev. A. A. Butler, pastor of Calvary Baptist church. The remains will be taken to the old home in Prince George county for interment. The pall bearers will be Messrs. W. B. Neal, George B. W. W. M. Parker, Rufus W. Powell, J. T. Dowling and Mary Jones.

Social-Personal

Mrs. Dan A. Lewis, who has been visiting Mrs. S. H. Wertheimer, on the Boulevard, has returned to her home in Middleport, Ohio.

Mr. Abe Horwitz has gone to New York on business.

Mrs. C. W. Westbrook, of Petersburg is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, on Twenty-seventh street.

Mr. W. A. Benjamin, of New York, is spending a week with friends in this city.

Mr. G. B. Overton has gone to Richmond, where he has accepted a position.

More Coal for 'Frisco.

The British steamship Thor sailed yesterday for San Francisco, Cal., with a cargo of 6,605 tons of coal, valued at \$19,175.00. The sale was postponed to the government coal station at the Mare Island navy yard and will be made by the Warships that will assemble at 'Frisco next spring.

Another Cargo for Panama.

The British steamship Furor sailed yesterday for Colon, Panama, with 4,576 tons of coal, valued at \$13,253. The cargo is consigned to the Isthmian Canal Commission.

Ellis-Miller.

Miss Mary E. Ellis, of this city, and Mr. Joseph A. Miller, of Terra Haute, Ind., were quietly married at the home of the bride, 123 Twenty-fifth street at 8 o'clock last night, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. S. Henkel, pastor of the Twenty-fourth street Church of Christ. Immediately after the ceremony a party of the friends of the bride serenaded the young couple at their home, Mr. and Mrs. Miller will make their home in Terra Haute.

HITCHCOCK TO BE PUT ON TRIAL IN SHORT TIME

District Attorney and Actor's Lawyers Arrive at an Agreement for Early Calling of Case.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, on six indictments growing out of charges preferred against him of assault on several young girls, probably will begin within two weeks. This announce-

Retired Business Man Favors New Theory

E. H. Lambert, of Everett, Massachusetts, Believes Stomach the Seat of Life.

One of the most interesting statements made recently concerning the much discussed Cooper theory, that has spread over the country during the past year, is made by E. H. Lambert, a retired business man, whose home is at 115 Francis street, Everett, Mass.

Mr. Lambert has this to say in connection with Cooper and his medicines. "Some time ago I read an article about this man Cooper, in which he claimed that stomach trouble was directly responsible for most all health. He went on to say that, although his medicine did nothing but get the stomach in sound condition, it would, in many cases, remove kidney and liver trouble and various other ailments. He argued from this that the stomach was the main cause of sickness, and stated that the success he has had with his medicines was due entirely to this fact.

"I am now fully convinced that this theory is correct, and believe Cooper has a really remarkable medicine, judging from my own experience. "I have been a sick man for five years. Three years ago I was told by

ment was made today following an agreement between the district attorney's office and the defendant's counsel as a result of which Hitchcock's counsel withdrew a motion made several days ago that he be permitted to inspect the minutes of the grand jury which reported the indictments. In withdrawing the motion, the attorney said it was done at the instigation of an early trial for the actor. At a same time Assistant District Attorney Garvan informed the court that the district attorney agreed that the case should not be delayed and that he believed it could be brought to trial within ten days.

C. B' SLEMP NAMED TO SUCCEED HIS FATHER

Ninth District Republicans Hold a Caucus to Choose a Candidate for Congress.

(By Associated Press.)
GATE CITY, VA., Nov. 19.—All the counties of the Ninth congressional district, with the exception of Bland, were represented in the Republican convention held today, two hundred and fifty delegates being present. The convention was called to order by District Chairman P. J. Davenport of Abingdon.

The only name presented to the convention as a candidate for Congress to succeed the late Colonel Campbell Slemp, was that of his son C. B. Slemp, state chairman of the party. As soon as his name had been presented a motion was carried closing the nominations.

The candidate was escorted to the stand and made a brief speech of acceptance. Frequent references to the candidacy of D. F. Bailey were made, some of them rather bitter, considering his great service to the party.

Many in the audience expressed indignation at the way his name was used. The convention was in session three hours.

Vaughan-Keim.

Miss La Vara L. Vaughan, of this city, and Mr. William Keim, of Pocomoke City, Md., were quietly married in Norfolk Monday. The news of the wedding came as a surprise to the friends of the young couple, although the bride's mother, knew of her daughter's plans. The bride has lived here since childhood and has many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Keim will make their home in Pocomoke City, where Mr. Keim is engaged in business.

Shoe Factory Not Sold.

Because the highest bid was unsatisfactory the trustees of Putney Shoe Manufacturing Company again postponed the sale of the company's plant yesterday. The sale was postponed over the prospect of Attorney A. C. Garrett, representing the Citizens and Marine Bank, whose bid of \$4,050 was the highest.

Improvements at Bank.

The work of repairing and painting the interior of the Jefferson bank building has just been completed. The appearance of the building is greatly improved.

Roth-Richards.

Miss Katherine M. Roth and Mr. Richard P. Richards were married yesterday morning at 8 o'clock at St. Vincent's Catholic church by the pastor, Rev. Father Friol. After the ceremony the bride and groom were entertained at a breakfast at the home of the bride on Huntington avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Richards left in the evening on a Northern tour. After December 1 they will be at home to their friends at 291 Huntington avenue.

Better Yet.

"Can she keep a secret?"
"No, but she can keep a cook, and that's something to brag about."
—Detroit Free Press.

Some of Them.

"Don't you think it is dreadful for society to be taking up any of these esoteric oriental ideas?"
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Stung!

The Colonel—Do you believe in dreams?
Little Jones—No, I married one.—London Opinion.

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